

A Cardinal Sin.

CHAPTER XXIII. JUST IN TIME.

One by one the long hours went by in that exterminating prison where Manders held Frances his prisoner...

And hunger—merciless hunger was beginning to make its presence and power apparent. It was now thirty hours since she had eaten anything—since she had taken water had passed her lips...

Now, strange as it, considering he had means of subsistence at his command, Manders, although his mental state was all right, was suffering almost as much physically as his companion, Frances, action, which had deprived him of any stimulant, was answerable for this.

But Manders' senselessness lasted longer than did Frances'. She soon opened her eyes and looked at Allan. She put her arms round his neck and kissed him, but made no allusion to the present situation.

"I think I have been dreaming, Allan," she said. He kissed her passionately. "You are awake now, my darling."

"Yes; but I had a dreadful dream. You only woke me in a dream. You only woke me in a dream."

He was thinking how he should for a while conceal the dark deed he was meditating. That sooner or later her fate would be known he did not doubt.

made up his mind that at six o'clock it should be all over. His fingers were stealing furtively toward the breast of his coat. He was wondering, with a horrible curiosity, whether one shot would suffice.

Her eyes met his vacantly, but she shuddered a little. Then she pressed her hand to her head. "What did you ask me to promise?" she inquired. "I have forgotten."

"It's no good asking now," he replied, sullenly; "the time has passed for promises."

"Yes, but you told me I should go the moment I promised. I must get back to-night. Tell me what to say."

She spoke in a bewildered way, and Manders knew that to let her leave the house in such a state would be fatal to him.

"It's too late, I say. You won't go back to town again!" Dazed as she was, she saw the action, and caught the true meaning of the words.

But as she ran she gave one piercing cry for help—a cry which, startling and pitiful as it was, fell on one person's ears like the sweetest music, in a flash showing him that the wife he loved was in that room by compulsion, not of her own free will.

Crash! The door was driven in and flew back against the wall, and before the oath which leaped from his lips was uttered, Manders turned his pistol to the door and fired.

The bullet must have passed within an inch of Allan, but that inch was as good as a mile. Before the trigger could be again drawn Allan was upon the ruffian, and as he came he struck full square at the wicked face—such a blow as his strong arm had never before struck, most likely would never strike again.

Crushing down an impulse to return, and then there put a bullet through his brother-in-law's head, Allan raised his wife and sought for means to restore her to herself. He found the last of the water in the jug; with this he bathed her face.

"No; but I dreamed he was going to kill me. Now you are here, I am safe." "He never touched you—you are sure?"

Frances looked at her husband very strangely. "No," she said, quite calmly, "he did not touch me. I should have died had he done so."

was very low, Frances could easily step out. He had no time to think what her last words meant, for Digby was in a sitting posture, and looking wildly around.

"Get up as soon as you can," said Allan, covering him with his own pistol. "Don't come a step toward me, or you're a dead man."

After a while the fellow struggled into a chair. He gave Allan a look full of hate, but, as he did so, he saw the determination on every feature of his face.

"Turn that pistol away," he said. "I don't want to move." Thinking a man would be unable to speak collectedly in such a situation, Allan complied; and Manders breathed more freely in consequence.

"Now, then," he said, sullenly, "what are you going to do? Do you mean to kill me?" "I think so," answered Allan, with a promptitude and grimness of manner which made his listener's flesh creep.

"Your only chance," he continued, "is to make a clean breast of it. Tell me why you induced my wife to come down here—why you have kept her here?"

Manders, although recovering from the effects of Allan's blow, was scarcely in a state to discourse coherently. "Let me think," he said, "for a few minutes. Keep that pistol away."

He leaned his head upon his hands, and waited until he felt able to decide what to do. He cursed his half-hearted conduct. Why had he not formed his murderous resolution last night! He cursed Allan for having traced his wife. He cursed everything and everybody.

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